

VIA: AIR POUCH  
(SPECIFY AIR OR SEA POUCH)

DISPATCH NO. OTRA-3063  
BCFINESSE

**SECRET**

CLASSIFICATION

TO : Chief, WE

DATE 3 March 1954

FROM : [ ]

INFO: [ ]

SUBJECT: GENERAL—

**Operational Albanian Affairs**

SPECIFIC—

**Establishment at London of Anglo-Albanian  
Association, Allegedly in Opposition to NCFA.**

Source : [ ]

Evaluation : B-2

Date Info : December 1953

Date Acq : 15 February 1954

DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
SOURCES METHOD EXEMPTION 3B2B  
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT  
DATE 2007

1. In December 1953 the Anglo-Albanian Association, a cultural and welfare organization was set up under the chairmanship of HERBERT. The latter is the son of Lady HERBERT-CARNARVON, long a benefactress of Albania, founder of an important library at Tirane, and the patroness of numerous welfare undertakings on behalf of Albania. The name HERBERT-CARNARVON is well known and extremely popular in Albania.
2. During the month of January 1954 Anton LOGORECI, an Albanian language speaker on BBC and one of the outstanding and esteemed intellectuals of the London Albanian colony, visited Rome. He reportedly came here to establish the basis for inclusion of local Agrarian Balli Kombetar members in the new London group. LOGORECI left Rome without having seen any Albanians outside the circle of Balli Kombetar extremists. On his return trip he is said to have stopped off at Portofino where Lady CARNARVON owns a castle.
3. Abaz BORMENJI is in Paris where, it is said, he is studying the possibilities of publishing a new Albanian language newspaper.
4. In Rome Albanian refugee circles it is strongly rumored that Lady CARNARVON will travel to the United States in the near future. There she will seek to gather private funds to finance the Association headed by her son.
5. These movements and reports indicate the existence of a definite campaign of opposition to the recently reconstituted NCFA. This entire anti-Committee activity is based on the intransigent Agrarian Balli leaders who will undoubtedly

**SECRET**

CLASSIFICATION

COPY

receive British subsidy in the guise of welfare payments. Said KRYEZIU and Muharrem DAJRANTARI are both predicting NCFA's early demise, or at least, its complete paralysis.

6. Agrarian Balli's financial reserve, built up during the years when the Party received \$1200 per month for welfare and propaganda purposes (as Hasan DOSTI avers in his "White Paper") has recently been transferred to France from the Italian bank in which it was previously deposited.
7. Repercussions of these British activities have been considerable in Albanian refugee circles. Some feel that American lack of experience in this field will lead to complete success of the British plans which are generally regarded as harmful to the Albanian national cause. Others secretly support this move, convinced that the British will eventually control the situation in Albania and will suitably reward their faithful followers.
8. The unusual calmness of Balli extremists is symptomatic, to say the least, and leads to the belief that they will not be without support in their expected future movements to further divide the Albanian emigration.

Prepared by:

26 February 1954

Distribution:

3/4 - Wash  
1 - [ ]  
1 - [ ]  
1 - Source file  
1 - Files